



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 18, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The Sayre fire, which erupted in the Sylmar community on November 14th, resulted in the destruction of approximately 500 of the 600 homes in the Oakridge Mobile Home Park. This tragedy raises fundamental concerns about the codes and standards for mobile homes as to their construction, density and attendant vegetation.

“There are many mobile home parks in the County of Los Angeles, some in the unincorporated areas and some not. Many of them are in the outlying areas of the County where fire hazards are high. The State of California regulates much of the mobile home industry, and its appropriate Departments should expeditiously review current codes and make recommendations for changes that would improve public safety.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Fire Chief and the Acting Director of Public Works to prepare recommendations for changes in the applicable County codes for mobile homes and mobile home parks in high fire hazard areas that would reduce their vulnerability to fire; and
2. Instructed the Fire Chief to take the following actions:
 - Review water flow, fuel modification and brush clearance requirements that relate to mobile home parks and make recommendations on how these codes can be strengthened or better enforced in the interest of safety of these communities; and
 - Prepare these recommendations for the Board's consideration within 60 days.

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